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1. German PW's not expected to return home in the near future from the USSR may be divided into the following groups:

- Members of the SS, or those that had their "blood mark" tattooed and are regarded as SS.
- Members of SA who admitted their membership or who were denounced as such by fellow prisoners.
- Members of all types of police organizations.
- Judges of military courts.
- Inspectors of landed estates, bailiffs, "Sonderführers" of all ranks.
- Russian interpreters.
- Members of Army "Kommandanturen".
- Railway personnel.
- Technical personnel of the TODT organization.

2. The number of these PWs is still large and ranges from 20 percent to 50 percent in the various prisoner camps. 570 prisoners were selected as "suspects" and transferred to special camps. These camps are situated at:

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Tula	in the lead mines region
Severski, near Sverdlovsk	in the copper mines region
Tobolsk, a camp for officers and Red Cross nurses	in the lead mines region
Yenakiyevo (Stalinsk Oblast), a camp for ex-police	

3. Very detailed interrogations were carried out of all members of Army "Kommandanturen" and civilian workers concerning their cooperation with the Soviet civilian population. The Soviets tried to obtain from these PWs the names of individuals who collaborated with the Germans, known as "counter-revolutionaries and collaborators".

4. All contact with the civilian population is forbidden and punished by removal of the offender from the camp and forfeiture of any hope of repatriation.

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5. Groups of experts are set apart from camps but at the same time are strictly isolated from any contacts with local inhabitants. If a Soviet worker should accidentally lose his way and reach an area where German PW experts are working, he is likely to be arrested and subjected to protracted and detailed investigations.
6. As from 1946-47, the Soviets released from PW camps the sick and those unfit to work, as well as prisoners "re-trained" in political courses, among whom were some members of the NSDAP who had held high party rank but who were now judged to be reliably trained anti-Fascists.
7. The Germans look with hatred upon these ex-PWs trained by the MVD and MGB but are, nevertheless, at the same time terrified of them.
8. [redacted] in the Caucasus, [redacted] mass deportation of the local population to areas beyond the Urals, which had taken place because of alleged sympathizing of the inhabitants with the Germans. 50X1-HUM

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